

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

Sr.No.226-2

CRWP No.6303 of 2021

Date of Decision: 06.01.2022

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...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present: Mr. Akshay Rana, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for all the respondents.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner herein has sought the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to consider the case of his premature release in view of the Government's Policy Annexure P-1 and to release him forthwith.

Reply filed on behalf of the respondents, by way of the affidavit of Superintendent, New District Jail, Nabha, as forwarded by learned State counsel to the Court through *email*, is taken on the record.

Learned State counsel, on the instructions from Mr. Raman, Clerk in the office of respondent No.2, apprises the Court that respondent No.2 has forwarded the case qua the premature release of the petitioner to the Principal Secretary (Jails) and strenuous efforts shall be

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made to expedite the matter.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it would suffice if the direction is given to the competent authorities to take the final call on the matter qua the premature release of the petitioner within some specific time frame.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

Resultantly, the petition in hand is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to take the final decision on the issue of the premature release of the petitioner, strictly in accordance with the relevant Rules/Policy/law, in the given set of the facts and circumstances of the matter, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>No</i>